1	2
3. National Savings	2.50
4. Materials Management	4.90
Total	145.70

STATEMENT-III

Funds utilised upto March 31,1996 Under various schemes of Mechanisation and modernisation

Scheme	Expenditure upto 31.3.95 (Rs. in crores)	Anticipated Expenditure during 95-96 (In Rs. crores	Total as on 31.3.96 (Rs.in crores)
1. Upgradation of Technology	55.94	46.82	103.74
2. Postal Life	1.40	1.63	3.03
3. National Savings	0.98	Merged with Scheme-I	
4. Materials	1.54	0.47	2.01
Total	59.86	48.92	108.78

Speed Post Service

*228. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the metropolitan/cities in the country in which Speed Post Service has been introduced;

(b) the position of Speed Post in comparison to the private courier companies in the country;

(c) whether the Speed Post Service is running in loss due to private courier companies; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the above service profitable?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) (a) National Speed Post Service has been introduced in 70 cities, as per details given in enclosed statement

(b) Speed Post Service is well positioned vis-a-vis Private Courier companies in the country.

(c) No Sir, Speed Post generates additional revenue for the Department.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

STATEMENT

Speed Post Network

S. No.	Name of the Circle	No. of National Speed Post Centres	Name of the centres
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	Hyderabad Tirupati Vijayawada Visakhapatnam
2.	Assam	2	Guwahati Silchar
3.	Bihar	4	Dhanbad Jamshedpur Patna Ranchi
4.	Delhi	1	Delhi
5.	Gujarat	3	Ahmedabad Surat Vadodara
6.	Haryana	2	Faridabad Gurgaon
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Shimla
8.	J & K	2	Jammu Srinagar
9.	Karnataka	3	Bangalore Mysore Mangalore
10.	Kerala	7	Aluva Kozhikode Kochi Kollam Kottayam Thriruvananthapuram Trissur
11.	M.P.	4	Bhopal Indore Raipur Gwalior
12.	Maharashtra	5	Mumbai Nagpur Panaji Pune Nasik
13.	N.E.	3	Agartala Imphal Shillong
14.	Orissa	2	Bhubaneshwar Cuttack

1	2	3	4
15.	Punjab	3	Chandigarh Jalandhar Ludhiana
16.	Rajasthan	3	Jaipur Jodhpur Udaipur
17.	Tamil Nadu	8.	Coimbatore Madras Madurai Pondicherry Salem Trichy Tirupur Kanchipuram
18.	Uttar Pradesh	9	Agra Allahabad Dehradun Gorakhpur Lucknow Meerut Moradabad Kanpur Varanasi
19.	West Bengal	4	Calcutta Howrah Siliguri Gangtok

Price of Wheat and Rice

*229. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has increased the prices of wheat and rice in the open market several times during the last years.

(b) if so, the details of prices increased in each time during 1993-94 and till date, item-wise;

(c) whether these price hikes, instead of controlling the prices have increased the possibilities of further hike in foodgrain prices in the open market of the country;

(d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the FCI sells foodgrains in the open market in order to check market price of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Statements indicating the changes in prices of open sale of wheat and rice of domestic consumption by Food Corporation of India from 1993-94 till date, are at enclosed statement-I and II and Statement-III and IV respectively. Price of wheat were reduced on six occasions and increased on seven occasions and prices of rice were reduced on six occasions and increased on four occasions.

(c) and (d). Open sales of rice and wheat by FCI had a sobering effect on the market prices of wheat and rice. In absence of the open sales market prices of wheat and rice would have registered a much higher rise.

(e) FCI was allowed to make open sales of wheat and rice on the following important grounds:

(i) to release much needed storage space for fresh procurement;

(ii) to reduce the carrying cost of stocks with FCI;

(iii) to exercise as a measures of marketing intervention for a sobering effect on the open market prices;

(iv) to reduce, to some extent the burden on food subsidy

STATEMENT-I

Sale Price of Wheat fixed for the Months of Nov.'93 to March,'95

(Rate Rs./per MT)

S.No.	Name of the State	Nov. 93	Dec.93 & Jan. 95	Feb.& Mar.94	Apr. 94	May, June, July, 94	Aug. & Sept. 94	Oct. & Nov.94	Dec. 94	Jan.95 to Mar. 95
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Punjab/Haryana/U.P.	3850	3850	4100	4100	4100	4150	4200	4150	4100
2.	Delhi	4050	4050	4250	4250	4200	4250	4300	4200	4150
3.	Rajasthan	4000	3950	4150	4150	4150	4200	4250	4200	4150
4.	J & K/H.P.	4000	4000	4200	4200	4200	4250	3300	4200	4150